Valves of Big Plant That Is Partly Wrecked.

INNED BY IRON BEAM.

Clothes Afire. Young Hero Is Hauled Out and Rolled in the Snow.

SCUERS ALSO ABLAZE.

Tanks with 180,000 Cubic Feet of Gas Narrowly Escape Destruction.

the bravery of a youth of twenty an explosion of three imwas tanks in the works of the Union Gas Company, in the early to-day, which, had it ocwould have destroyed many and property worth millions of

were two explosions that ed throughout the Bronx, shaking from cellars to roofs, and leavthat section of the city in total ness, except where there were ocen were seriously injured. These

KE, MATTHEW, fifty, No. 176 et Eighty-fifth street. ndred and Forty-first street

Locust avenue. F. JOHN, thirty-two, No. 712 Basi Hundred and Forty-seventh

HANS, twenty, No. 476 Ro IVERUS. EL. THEODORE, thirty-seven

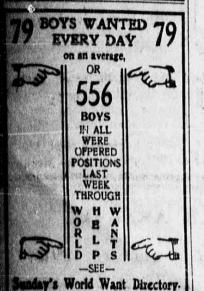
the exception of Gfohous, of engineer of the works, re located in the plot between indred and Thirty-eighth and mired and Thirty-ninth streets low avenue and the Bast River, southwest corner of the plant ted pumping, refining and conworks, a three-and-one-half-re two tanks, both of which is 50,000 cubic feet of gas, while tenth was a tank containing

rushed from the blasing house ng through a door, they as, I down and burning to death-through the feet

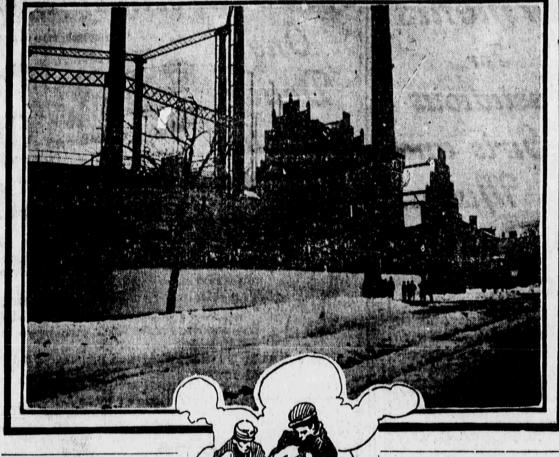
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SCENE OF BIG GAS HOUSE EXPLOSION IN THE BRONX



the unconscious Mohr, their own clothes aflame. They rolled him in the snow and then they rolled themselves through the drifts

Arriving at the fire Deputy Chief Sloane ordered a second alarm to be sounded. So filled was the neighborhood with escaping gas that the firemen could not get close to the burning building. The fire-boat Zophar Mills responded to the second alarm, and upon its arrival a wall of water was were shattered for blocks, and formed between the burning building and the three gas-filled tanks. To do this a stream was run through a sixinch pipe from the fire-boat and sent in the air above the tanks. The engines on the shore then sent water from hose to meet the fire-boat's stream. The meeting of the opposing streams caused the water to fall as a wall upon the threatened tanks, and their sides, already hot, were quickly cooled.

The five injured men were taken to incomplete they were taken to Lincoln Hospital. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The gas pressure will be low in the Bronx for several days.

MANHOLE BURSTS

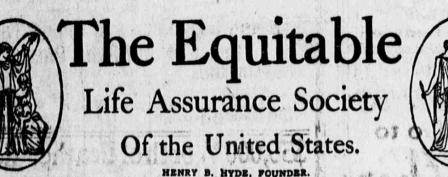
Noise and Flames Arouse Neighberhood and Bring Out Police Reserves.

A terrific explosion from the manhole

A terrific explosion from the manhole at the northwest corner of Forty-ninth street and Elighth avenue early to-day aroused the residents for blocks around and created great excitement for a time. Fixems shot twenty-five feet into the air.

Bergt. Fitsgerald, in the West Forty-seventh street station-house, heard the explosion and turned out the reserves. Investigation showed that the manhole had been blown up by gas which leaked from the mains and became ignited by electric wires. When the reserves arrived the flames had died out. This is the third time this manhole has blown up. On one occasion the explosion injured several people and caused runaways among passing teams.

## IN LOUD EXPLOSION.



Forty-fifth Annual Statement, for the Year Ending December 31, 1904.

ASSETS.		INCOME.	
Bonds and Mortgages	\$81,623,709.11	The same of the sa	\$62,643,836.74
Real Estate in New York, including the Equitable Building	20,906,215.78	Interest, Rents, etc	16,432,859.21 79,076,695.95
United States, State, City and Railroad Bonds and other in- vestments (market value over cost, \$19,091,815.00)		A Company	79,070,093.93
	228,339,884.00	DISBURSEMENTS.	
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (market value, \$13,404,109.00)	10,805,000.00		\$18,049,539.35
Policy Loans	23,544,439.69	Endowments and deferred	8,425,950.14
Real Estate outside of New York, including 14 office buildings .	15,989,431.66	Annuities	980, 349.94
Cash in Banks and Trust	22,651,666.82	Surrender Values	2,931,305.36 6,001,902.51
Balance due from agents	1,514,639.90	Dividends to Policyholders.	
Interest and Rents. (Due \$75,058.53, Accrued \$559,456.85).	632,508.78	Paid Policyholders . \$. Commissions, advertising, postage and exchange	7,900,285.73
Premiums due and in process	5,313,556.00	All other disbursements	7,179,318.42
Deferred Premiums	2,631,969.00	Real Estate Sinking Fund .	500,000.00
Total Assets \$413,953,020.74		Disbursements \$51,968,651.45	

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement. FRANCIS W. JACKSON, Auditor. H. R. COURSEN, Assistant Auditor. A W. MAINE, Associate Auditor.

LIABILITIES.

Assurance Fund (or Reserve) \$327,738,358.00 All other Liabilities . . . . . 5,420,393.53

Total Liabilities...\$333,158,751.53 Surplus . . . . . . . . . \$80,794,269.21 ASSURANCE.

INSTALMENT POLICIES STATED AT THEIR COMMUTED VALUES. Outstanding Assur-

ance...... \$1,495,542,892.00

New Assurance, less Assurance not taken . \$222,920,037.00

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement. The Reserve as per the independent valuation of the N. Y. Insurance Department, is \$326,523,126. For Superintendent's certificate see Detailed Statement. J. G. VAN CISE, Actuary. ROB'T HENDERSON, Assistant Actuary. R. G. HANN, Associate Actuary.

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We have examined the accounts and Assets of the Society, and certify to the correctness of the foregoing statement. WM. A. WHEELOCK, V. P. SNYDER, C. LEDYARD BLAIR, CHARLES STEWART SMITH, MARCELLUS H. DODGE,

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Toys and dolls. Basement Salesroom. \$2.10 hair horse and mik

\$4.50 high sleigh, limited quan-

# Jasement Salesroom. de Game of Bird Centre, 19e. 10 half horse and mile 20. \$125. 20. Jointed Doll, 45c. 21. Jointed Doll, 45c. 22. Jointed Doll, 45c. 23. Sizon Saw Outnt, 19e. 25. Little Queen Bissell carpet Der, 25c. 250. Himited quan81.00. SIXTH AVE. 19 TO 20 TO STREETS

## Two sharply reduced prices give you choice of our \$15 to \$20 suits 2 overcoats.

WE'VE thrown down all the price barriers—the lowest prices we've ever quoted now stand between you and a thoroughly good suit or overcoat. Hope to make this a one-day clearing sale—and we will, too, if every man that reads this announcement can but realize what a sale of this kind means from a saving standpoint. The best way, however, is to come and inspect our \$15 to \$20 suits and overcoats. We insure you a perfect fit, and the price will be \$12 or \$9.25.

We've placed unusually low prices on our suits and overcoats, but we do not want the prices to prompt you to associate this cloth-ing with suits and overcoats that usually sell for Saturday's prices:

OVERCOATS at 9.25: We've been selling these overcoats all season long at \$15 and \$18-and the great increase in our business shows they were considered good value at those prices—but we've turned our thoughts toward Spring stocks—the famous Tourist coats, 52 inches long—made with belt back—also the long and very stylish Baltic friezes in black and Oxfords—hand-made collar—serge lined-every size-33 to 46 inch chest.

SUITS at 9.25: They're cut to please particular men—have a made-to-order appearance which all good dressers admire—in black thibet—fancy worsteds, in nest patterns—also Scotch effects in cheviots—single or double breasted coats—lined with Pioneer serge—all hand made—they were formerly priced at \$15 to \$18.

OVERCOATS at \$12: They include every braces—no matter what the price has been—we've your size—made of fine Vicuna and Elysian—not a coat in the lot that formerly sold at less than \$20.

SUITS at \$12: These are the celebrated Kuppenheimer suits, and it's the last of them at the price—these are suits that equal the best made-to-order garments—not one formerly sold at less than \$20—you can wear this weight of clothing for the next three months—your choice at \$12.

.40 for men's 2.50 to 3.50 vests. 00 full dress vests that sell regularly at 2.50, 3.00 and 3.50. 150 double and single breasted white and fancy vests that sell regularly at 2.50 and 3.50. All sizes.

Tourist Coats, Reefers, Norfolk Suits, Sailor Suits, Russian Coats, Regular Over-coats, Double Breasted Russian Suits.

10.50 for Men's Cravenettes. Regular \$15 and \$18 cravenette coats. Just bought 200 very swell coats, large, broad shoulders, cut very loose, and long swell. Sizes from 33 to 44 chest.

2.00 for

The balance of those good \$3 and \$4 trousers left from our big sale that we had last week, sizes for all builds, 30 waist to 52 waist. Boys' suits & overcoats that sold for 5.00, at | 2 00

a hundred men trousers. did last Satur-Waltham

12.50 watches do not get out of order.

This is the new thin model, 16 size; open-face, gold-filled Waltham, and has a highly polished case guaranteed for 20 years. Has the pendant set and 7-jewel movement—special 8.00. Don't forget it is the latest 12.50 model.

The Akabro razor, 1.00,

regular price 1.50. WE have yielded to he urgent

request of the manufacturers to handle samples of the Akabro 2.50

razor, and to-morrow is the second Saturday of our sale of 1,000 of these

We guarantee them to shave ab-

solutely clean without pulling, and

they'll retain their edge because made of the best-tempered English

steel, with full concave blade. Widths

5-8 or 6-8--round or square corners. The Akabro sells everywhere at 2.50 the year round—seldom a rare occa-

sion like this. Every man will appreciate its importance. Main Floor. 50c. for 1.25 genuine horsehide raz-or strops, well made and finished.

The Waltham watch, 8.00

Standard 12.50 value.

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HE name Waltham is not as-

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#### SIMPSON CRAWFORD CO. The new white plaited dress shirts for Spring, 1.10 Regular price this season is 1.50.

NEW effects in the plaited shirt suitable to wear now and throughout the Spring and Summer. A limited number will be ready to-morrow at the lowered price of \$1.10. If the demand is anything like it was last year (and it promises to be greater) this offer will soon close, the price will rebound to \$1.50. Saturday is a good time to buy and we do not see why any man should fail to secure a supply.

Like custom made shirts, these are made to fit properly around the shoulders and the workmanship is up to the standard of the \$2.50 custom shirt. Fine cambric and madras are the materials. How they are made-Extra full and long, taking away all the annoyance of the ordinary ready-made shirt—cufts are attached or detached—we guarantee them to be the newest styles for 1905.

Negligee shirts at 69c. Men's underwear, 39c. and 55c. At the beginning of the season this quality would cost 85c. and \$1.25-200 union suits for immediate clearing. Shirts that have taken splendidly with particular men for to-morrow we have an additional 100 dozen.

## New Designs in Valentines

prices 1c and upwards We have the greatest variety of unique, new novelties imaginable to show you - at reasonable prices.

Exceptional displaymain floor In every case the value exceeds the price asked and there's a range of prices insuring that everybody will be suited. Not one value overdrawn in this clearing of

Children's garments.
Prices \$1.95 to \$20, usually \$3.95 to \$37.50, Children's coats, of serges, Venetian cloth, imported zibeline and velvets. Price 38c., ordinarily would be 75c. Infants' colored silk caps, in red, gray, blue and

brown-sizes 14, 15, 16 in. Prices 95c. to \$4.50, usually \$1.95 to \$8.00. Children's hats-odds and ends of the season's stock-in velvets and silks-all prettily trimmed. Prices 98c. to \$4.95, usually \$1.50 to \$7.95. Children's colored cashmere dresses — all very pretty models and latest shades, including plaids—

Excellent values: girls'

Spring kid gloves 79c. AN importer has allowed us one thousand pairs at a rare concession Main Floor.

#### to introduce the new Spring styles.

Hence we do not overestimate the values in telling you they are \$1.25 and \$1.00 gloves.

The finest selected skins are used in these gloves and the workmanship is the best, as they were made to serve as samples. The vasiety is also greater than regular stock would afford.

Adler's gloves for men \$1.00

This celebrated giove comes in kid and suede-new Spring colorings and styles -- best selected skins. SIMPSON CRAWFORD CO.

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Like Another Helen.—Horton. very last moment—hoped to sell them in the regular way—but time is up, and decisive measures are the order of the day—prices tell a tempting bargain story.

Third Floor. Just a few words about the new Spring suits for the smart miss—new ideas, to be sure—striking style features that will make a strong appeal for your favor. Prices for Saturday are introductory, made especially to get you to buy early.

Misses' high grade coats-Models of the reigning styles—only one or two of a kind—just odds and ends picked from our stock. We dislike to let them go at Saturday's price, but then feel that we've reached the "now-or-never" period of the season—so out they go—some of these garments were priced regularly as high as \$50, and a few very much higher. They're made of broad-cloth, bearskin, broadtail and moleskin—odds and ends—handsome models—14 and 15. 14.75 for girls' coats of handsome materials—many pretty models to choose from-formerly selling as high as \$38.00.

15.75 for misses' advance style Spring suit of cheviot and Panama new model-full blouse-postilion back, trimmed with silk braid-new sleeve with deep cuff-lined with a fine grade taffeta-circular skirt-14 and 16-later in season, \$22.50. 9.75 for misses' full box-plaited coats of good grade covert clothflat collar-finished with panne velvet and silk braid-belt at back-new full sleeve, reversed cuff-sizes 14 and 16-regularly selling at \$14.75.

6.75 for girls' full length coats of good grade blue and brown cheviot—yoke, collar and cuffs trimmed with velvet—lined with satin—6 to 14—reg. \$12.75.

5.00 for girls' full length coats of blue and brown cheviot - two models—regulation and full box—some lined with red flannel, others trimmed with panne velvet and silk braid—sizes 6 to 14—regularly selling at \$9.75.

5.75 for misses' fifteen-gore skirt of novelty mixture—new Spring model—circular flaring at bottom—lengths 36 to 40.

We are also showing misses' regulation wash suits—all new models—

### Saturday sale of standard shoes at 2.45. Invariably Sold at 3.50 a pair.

CLEARING out the old and introducing the new—a double programme for Saturday.

We held off putting clearing-sale prices on our better grade of girls' and misses' garments until the

STANDARD 3.50 SHOES for women are exceedingly scarce at a price like 2.45. but in this instance we are able to offer exactly 1,200 pairs of those excellent shoes that have made Elmira, N. Y., famous through the extensive factories of J. Richardson Co. Second Floor.

To-morrow there's a choice of patent coltskin, imported enamel, vici kid and box calf at.....

The name J. Richardson Co. is positive assurance that these shoes will give satisfactory service equal to any \$3.50 shoe that is manufactured.

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Lace, button and Bluchers—a variety of toe shapes and heels—well stitched oak soles, medium, close and full extension edges-also thin-edge light-sole dress-boots and vici kid. Lace boots with heavy welt-stitched oak soles, wide extension, 2.45

with low broad heels-a delightful business or walking shoe-at..... About 200 pairs of the Rochester 2.50 shoes remain for Friday's selling at \$1.65 pair—Blucher and lace patterns—patent tip, light close edge and ex-

